



Louisiana Youth Enhanced Services

LA-Y.E.S. Evaluation Information for Families

Family participation is important for helping LA-Y.E.S. supply the best care possible. We would like for your family to share information about how well our services respond to your needs. We will use this information to improve services for families in LA-Y.E.S. Thank you for working with us.

What is the LA-Y.E.S. Evaluation?

The evaluation provides information that can help make decisions about LA-Y.E.S. services. Families in the evaluation can help us understand what changes are needed to improve the LA-Y.E.S. program. Families that agree to join the evaluation will be contacted by evaluation staff every 6 months for 3 years. This will help us see how well families are doing later.

How can my family help the evaluation?

An evaluation staff person will call you to tell you more about the evaluation. The staff person will also answer questions you may have. If you would like to join the evaluation, the staff person will set up a time for your interview.

Who is interviewed?

We know that more than one person cares for the children in many families. We would like to talk to the person who spent the most time taking care of the child in the last 6 months. Also, youth age 11 and older can be interviewed if a parent or guardian agrees.

What kinds of questions are you asking?

We ask you about:

- your child's behavioral & emotional strengths
- behavioral problems
- functioning
- education-related
- family life situation
- living situation
- child service history

We ask youth age 11 and older about:

- behavioral & emotional strengths
- substance use
- delinquency
- depression and anxiety
- peer support
- exposure to violence

In follow-up visits, we also ask you about your satisfaction with service experiences.

How much time will it take?

Caregiver interviews may take between 1 ½ hours and 2 hours. Youth interviews may take about an hour.

Do families get paid?

For taking time to participate, caregivers will receive a \$25 Walmart gift card for their time. Youth who are interviewed will receive a \$15 Walmart gift card. You will be paid for each 6-month visit you complete.

Who sees the information I share?

Our staff will merge information from all families for reports. Answers given by youth will **not** be shared with service providers or parents. Answers given by parents/caregivers will **not** be shared with service providers. If we learn about child abuse or neglect during the interview or if you tell the person who interviews you that you plan to harm yourself or someone else, the interviewer will tell a doctor or some other authority so that you can get help.

When do you do the interviews?

We know that families have busy lives. If you cannot meet us on a weekday, we can set up an evening or weekend interview.

Where do you do the interviews?

We want to make the evaluation easy for you. We are happy to come to your home for the interview. If you would like to meet somewhere else, we can help find a private room in a school, library, or other place near your home or work.

Please call Michele Lempa at 504-896-2661 if you have questions about the evaluation.